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**CHAPTER 1660-1-8
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF HUNTS**

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1660-1-8-.03 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS - WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, REFUGES AND OTHER AGENCY CONTROLLED LANDS.

- (1) Permits (On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges Where Permits Are Required).
 - (a) Before any person may hunt on a wildlife management area or refuge he must possess a valid and appropriate area hunt permit as specified in Items (2) and (3) below, except when exempt from doing so under the provisions of Item (1)(b) below. Such permits are not transferable.
 - (b) Hunt applicants or participants must be sixteen years of age or over for hunting turkey, deer, bear and hog, except that youths under sixteen may apply and participate if they possess a hunter safety certificate and are accompanied on the hunt by an adult. Youths under sixteen years of age are exempt from purchasing an area hunt permit on all wildlife management areas and refuges when hunting any species except big game, but they must be accompanied on the hunt by an adult who possesses a valid hunt permit.
 - (c) A management area hunt permit is automatically voided when the permittee's bag limit is filled.
- (2) Reelfoot Preservation Permit.
 - (a) Before any person shall hunt, trap fish or participate in boating upon the waters or lands of Reelfoot Wildlife Management Area, including the washout and tailwaters downstream as marked, and that portion of the Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge in Tennessee, a Reelfoot Preservation Permit shall be carried on the person of said users when participating in the above mentioned activities for inspection by duly authorized officers.
 - (b) Exemptions - Persons exempt from the Reelfoot Preservation Permit requirement are those under sixteen (16) years of age, residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older, and holders of the adult Sportsman License or Lifetime Sportsman License.
- (3) Before any person, except those under 16 years of age hunting small game and waterfowl, may hunt on a wildlife management area or refuge, he must possess a permit as outlined below.

(Rule 1660-1-8-.03, continued)

- (a) A WMA Small Game permit is required on the following wildlife management areas and refuges:

AEDC	Eagle Creek	Nolichucky
Alpine Mountain	Eagle Lake Refuge	North Chickamauga Creek
Arnold Hollow	Ernest Rice Sr.	Oak Ridge
Bark Camp Barrens	Foothills	Obion River
Barkley Units I & II	Forks of the River	Old Hickory (Unit I)
Bean Switch Refuge	Haley-Jaqueth	Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge
Beaver Dam Creek	Harmon Creek	Pea Ridge
Big Sandy (including Gin Creek)	Haynes Bottom	Percy Priest (Units I & II)
Black Bayou Refuge	Henderson Island Refuge	Perryville
Bridgestone/Firestone	Hick Hill	Prentice Cooper
Centennial Wilderness	Hickory Flat	Rankin
Browntown	Hiwassee Refuge	Royal Blue
Buffalo Springs	Holly Fork	Shelby Forest
Camden Units I & II	Hop-In Refuge	Shelton Ferry Wetland
Catoosa	Jackson Swamp	Sundquist
Cheatham	Jarrell Switch Refuge	Tellico Lake
Cheatham Lake	John Tully	Tie Camp
Chickamauga (Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek, Yellow Creek Units)	Kingston Refuge	Tigrett
Chuck Swan	Kyker Bottoms Refuge	Watts Bar (Long Island Unit)
Cold Creek	Laurel Hill	West Sandy
Cordell Hull	Lick Creek	White Lake Refuge
Cordell Hull Refuge	Lick Creek Bottoms	White Oak
Cove Creek	Maness Swamp Refuge	Williamsport
C. M. Gooch	Maple Springs Wetland	Wolf River
Cypress Pond	Mingo Swamp Wetland	Woods Reservoir Refuge
	Moss Island	Yanahli
	MTSU	Yuchi Refuge at Smith Bend
	Natchez Trace	
	New Hope	

A WMA small game permit is required for individuals participating in dog training. A field trial permit is required on Percy Priest WMA and the Tellico Lake – McGhee-Carson Unit.

- (b) A WMA Small Game and Waterfowl permit is required for hunting waterfowl on the following wildlife management areas and refuges:

AEDC	Ernest Rice Sr.	North Chickamauga Creek
Barkley Units I & II	Harmon Creek	Oak Ridge
Big Sandy (including Gin Creek)	Haynes Bottom	Obion River
Camden Units I & II	Hiwassee Refuge	Old Hickory (Unit I)
Cheatham Lake	Holly Fork	Shelby Forest
Chickamauga (Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek, Yellow Creek Units)	Jackson Swamp	Tigrett
Cold Creek	Jarrell Switch Refuge	Watts Bar (Long Island Unit)
Cordell Hull	Lick Creek	West Sandy
Cordell Hull Refuge	Lick Creek Bottoms	White Oak
C. M. Gooch	Mingo Swamp Wetland	Yanahli
	Moss Island	Yuchi Refuge at Smith Bend
	New Hope	
	Nolichucky	

(Rule 1660-1-8-.03, continued)

- (c) A WMA big game permit is required for hunting deer, bear, boar, feral hogs, and turkey on the following wildlife management areas and refuges:

AEDC	Ernest Rice Sr.	North Chickamauga
Alpine Mountain	Fall Creek Fall State Park	Creek
Arnold Hollow	Foothills	Oak Ridge
Bark Camp Barrens	Forks of the River	Obion River
Barkley Units I & II	Gallatin Steam Plant	Old Hickory (Unit I)
Bean Switch Refuge	Harmon Creek	Old Hickory Lock 5
Beaver Dam Creek	Haynes Bottom	Refuge
Big Sandy (including Gin Creek)	Henderson Island Refuge	Pea Ridge
Bridgestone /Firestone	Hickory Hill	Percy Priest (Units I & II)
Centennial Wilderness	Hickory Flat	Perryville
Browntown	Hiwassee Refuge	Prentice Cooper
Buffalo Springs	Hop-In Refuge	President's Island
C. M. Gooch	International Paper	Rankin
Camden Units I & II	Jackson Swamp	Royal Blue
Catoosa	Jarrell Switch Refuge	Shelby Forest
Cheatham	John Tully	Shelton Ferry Wetland
Cheatham Lake	Kingston Refuge	Sundquist
Cherokee	Laurel Hill	Tellico Lake
Chickamauga (Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek, Yellow Creek Units)	Lick Creek	Tie Camp WMA
Chuck Swan	Lick Creek Bottoms	Tigrett
Cold Creek	Lovell Field	Watts Bar (Long Island Unit)
Cordell Hull	Maness Swamp Refuge	West Sandy
Cordell Hull Refuge	Maple Springs Wetland	White Lake Refuge
Cove Creek	Mingo Swamp Wetland	White Oak
Cypress Pond	Moss Island	Williamsport
Eagle Creek	MTSU	Wolf River
Eagle Lake Refuge	Natchez Trace	Woods Reservoir Refuge
	Nathan B. Forrest State Historical Area	Yanahli
	New Hope	Yuchi Refuge at Smith Bend
	Nolichucky	

- (d) A WMA Small Game or WMA Small Game and Waterfowl permit is required to trap on all areas that require a small game hunting permit.

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1660-1-8-.05 PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND DRAWINGS.

- (1) Quota big game hunt drawings
 - (a) Each individual desiring to participate in a managed quota deer, bear, turkey, or wild boar hunt, or in a statewide special season quota hunt, must complete an application supplied by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, except as indicated in items (i), (j), and (k) below. Applications will be available only at locations and during periods as designated by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
 - (b) Applicants may submit only one application, except youths ten (10) to sixteen (16) years of age may apply for one additional youth only hunt on management areas. If an individual's name (except youths applying for one additional youth only hunt as noted above) appears on more than one application, that individual will be rejected, his permit fee forfeited, and will be subject to prosecution.
 - (c) For quota big game hunts on wildlife management areas, applicants must be at least ten (10) years of age prior to the date of the hunt.
 - (d) All information requested on the application must be completed by the applicant. Failure to clearly specify all information will result in the application being returned.
 - (e) Applications must be received by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency as specified on the application. Applications received after this deadline will be returned.
 - (f) All persons wishing to hunt together as a party must submit their applications as one unit, indicating identical hunt choices on all individual applications. The number of applicants comprising a party may not exceed fifteen (15) members. If the number of applicants exceeds the maximum party size, all applications of that party will be returned.
 - (g) Each application must be accompanied by appropriate fees for each applicant thereon. Unsuccessful applicants will be reimbursed their fee.
 - (h) Priority drawings and procedures for qualifying with priority status will be established as indicated on applications.
 - (i) A drawing will be held to determine successful applicants. If unfilled hunt quotas exist after the regular drawing a vacancy drawing or drawings will be held to fill those vacancies. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail.
 - (j) When vacancies exist following the drawing(s), quotas will be filled by issuing permits to any applicant, on a first-come, first-served basis at Regional Offices, Nashville Office, and at other locations as designated by the Agency. Permits are not transferable. An individual may obtain

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up to fifteen (15) permits for himself or for other individuals at one time, but will be allowed only one (1) permit per person for each available hunt, until all persons waiting in line at that location have had an opportunity to select permits.

- (k) Land Between the Lakes quota hunt drawings – Individuals desiring to participate in a quota hunt on Land Between the Lakes must submit an application as instructed by the USDA Forest Service.
 - (l) Individuals who qualify to hunt and fish without a license under the terms of T.C.A. §70-2-204 are not required to obtain a permit in order to participate in special season deer or turkey hunts while hunting on lands referred to in T.C.A. §70-2-204.
- (2) Quota Hunt Drawings on Gallatin Steam Plant and Hartsville sites.
- (a) Each individual desiring to participate in a quota hunt must complete a hunt application supplied by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Only one application is permitted per individual.
 - (b) Applications filled out incorrectly or illegibly may be rejected.
 - (c) Applications must be received by the Tennessee Valley Authority as specified on the application. Applications received after this deadline will be disregarded.
 - (d) A computer drawing will be held to determine successful applicants. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail.
- (3) Waterfowl blind drawing and allocation procedure on wildlife management areas.
- (a) Permanent blind sites will be allocated by hand-held drawings for the wildlife management areas: Barkley-Units I and II, Big Sandy (including Gin Creek Unit), Camden-Units I and II, Cheatham Lake, Cordell Hull, Gooch-Unit A, Harmon's Creek, Haynes Bottom, Old Hickory-Units I and II, Reelfoot (except as provided in Rule 1660-1-2-.02), Tigrett, West Sandy, and Woods Reservoir of A.E.D.C.
 - (b) Each individual desiring to participate in the waterfowl blind drawing must complete an application supplied by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Each individual wishing to compete in the drawing must appear in person at the designated location. Applications must be submitted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. (local time) on the first Saturday in August.
 - (c) No individual may apply for more than one area. One application is permitted per person. Each applicant must be at least sixteen (16) years of age to compete in the drawing or sign-on.
 - (d) Individuals must produce the following licenses and permits in order to compete in the drawing: All areas (except Old Hickory Unit II and Reelfoot WMA) - Annual Hunting and Fishing License and Annual Small Game and Waterfowl Permit, or Sportsman License Old Hickory Unit II - Annual Hunting and Fishing License and Waterfowl License Reelfoot WMA - Annual Reelfoot Preservation Permit Non-residents are required to possess appropriate non-resident licenses in lieu of resident licenses.
 - (e) Applications will be drawn in order to establish priorities for of blind sites. All participants wishing to sign-on with a successful applicant must do so when he makes his/her choice of blind sites. An individual's application for blind selection is immediately voided when he/her signs-on with another applicant. All Individuals wishing to sign-on must possess the necessary licenses and permits indicated in subparagraph (d). Individuals desiring to sign-on must be present.

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- (f) Permits for blinds will be issued at the time of the drawing. For cancelled or unbuilt blinds, permits will be issued as selected in subparagraph (e).
 - (g) No person shall buy, sell, barter, loan or transfer under any theory of law, or offer to buy, sell, barter, loan or transfer under any theory of law, a waterfowl draw blind site permit or the privilege of signing on a waterfowl draw blind site permit issued pursuant to this rule. Any person violating this rule and regulation is subject to have his/her permit and/or hunting privileges revoked in addition to other penalties as prescribed by law.
- (4) Cherokee Special Hunts (Cherokee Wildlife Management Area in designated Areas).
 - (a) Cherokee special hunts may consist of two types—Party Dog Hunts and Party Still Hunts.
 - (b) No person may apply for more than one application. If two or more applications are received representing one individual, all applications of that individual will be rejected, his permit fee forfeited, and will be subject to prosecution. Applications must be postmarked no later than the *date specified*. Persons applying for party hunts may also apply for quota big game hunts subject to rules found in paragraph (1). Quota big game hunt applicants may also apply for party hunts. Persons drawn on one party hunt may obtain a vacancy permit for other party hunt dates, however, no person may participate in or possess a permit for more than one Cherokee Quota or Party Hunt per hunt date.
 - (c) The party application shall contain a minimum of sixty members and a maximum of one hundred (100). All information requested on the application must be completed for all party applicants. Failure to clearly specify all information will result in the application being returned. Non-residents may purchase the appropriate license after arrival in Tennessee. Each application must contain applicable permit fees for all individuals in the party.
 - (d) A drawing will be held to determine the successful party applicants, hunt areas, and hunt dates. The first drawn and in subsequent order will be given their choice of the type of hunt, compartment and hunt date as specified on their application. Vacant hunts remaining after the draw will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis to unsuccessful parties.
 - (e) The party leader may request no substitutions for members of the party who cannot appear, but may request vacancy permits providing the number does not increase the party beyond one hundred (100) members. The party leader shall send the applicable fees for each permit requested. This fee shall be nonrefundable. The deadline for requesting vacancy permits shall be shall be fourteen days prior to the hunt date.
 - (f) The party leader shall insure that prior to issue, that all vacancy permits contain the information requested. This information shall include name, address, and license number of each individual issued a vacancy permit. Once the party leader assigns a name to a permit the permit may not be reassigned to other individuals.
 - (g) The carbon copies of all vacancy permits issued to the party leader shall be returned to the designated TWRA office within ten (10) days after the hunt date.
- (5) Issuance of miscellaneous quota permits not governed by existing regulations.
 - (a) Special hunts which require hand-held drawings may be identified by means of annual Proclamation, times, dates, and locations of these drawings will also be identified.
 - (b) All information requested on the application must be completed by the applicant.
 - (c) If an individual's name appears on more than one application, that individual will be rejected.

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- (d) A random drawing will be utilized to determine successful applicants.
- (e) Applications will be drawn in order to establish priorities for choice of blind sites. All participants wishing to sign on with a successful applicant must do so when he makes his/her choice of blind sites. An individual's application for blind selection is immediately voided when he/she signs on with another applicant. All individuals wishing to sign on must possess the necessary licenses and permits indicated in subparagraph (d). Individuals desiring to sign-on must be present.

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